Amendments to the Specification:

Please revise paragraph [0011] at the bottom of page 3 and top of page 4 as follows.

[0011] An array update operation 101 (FIG. 1) which specifies several (row-identifier, value) pairs P1...Pn for updating multiple rows identified by the respective row-identifiers ROW-ID1... ROW-IDn in a table of a relational database (such as Oracle) is implemented by a database management system 110 in a computer 100 in many embodiments of the invention as follows. Note that the syntax of array update operation 101 to be implemented in accordance with the invention conforms to conventional syntax, and this operation ~~110~~ 101 may be generated in the normal manner (e.g. via an SQL UPDATE query).

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